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SUBJ: PROVINCIAL TRAVEL: CH'INGTAO AND CHINAN

1. SUMMARY. POSTER ACTIVITY IN CH'INGTAO AND CHINAN, WHILE INCLUDING CARICATURES AND ATTACKS ON THE GANG OF FOUR WAS LIMITED TO NON-CONTROVERSIAL THEMES. NO MENTION OF SHANTUNG PROVINCIAL OR LOCAL PERSONALITIES WAS OBSERVED, NOR WERE ANY ANTI-RIGHTIST POSTERS SPOTTED. END SUMMARY.

2. POSTER ACTIVITY AND BRIEFINGS DURING USLO OFFICER'S TRIP TO CH'INGTAO AND CHINAN JANUARY 4-7 OFFERED NO INDICATION OF REPRISALS OR LOCAL STRUGGLES RESULTING FROM THE FALL OF THE GANG OF FOUR. STREET POSTERS WRE LIMITED TO SUCH NONCONTROVERSIAL THEMES AS STANDARD ATTACKS ON THE GANG OF FOUR, CELEBRATION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S BIRTHDAY AND OF THE NEW YEAR, AND EXHORTATIONS TO BOOST PRODUCTION. SEVERAL POSTERS CALLED FOR CLOSE STUDY OF CENTRAL DOCUMENT NO. 16.

3. CH'INGTAO APPARENTLY WAS CONDUCTING A WELL-ORGANIZED ANTI-GANG OF FOUR CARICATURE CONTEST, AND THE ENTRANTS OFFERED AN AMUSING IF NOT PARTICULARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ENLIGHTENING FIELD OF STUDY. CHIANG CHING IS SAID TO HAVE MADE AT LEAST ONE TRIP TO THE CH'INGTAO BEACH IN ORDER TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED UPON THE ROCKS AND, IF THE ARTIST IS TO BE BELIEVED, TO DALLY WITH THE LIFE-GUARD.

4. CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE GUIDE IN CHINAN HEAPED A FEW

MORE STONES ON THE POLITICAL GRAVE OF THE GANG OF FOUR. AMONG THE POINTS HE NOTED: WANG HUNG-WEN TRAVELED TO HUNAN ONCE, SUPPOSEDLY TO REPORT TO MAO BUT ACTUALLY TO MALIGN PREMIER CHOU AS PART OF A GANG OF FOUR PLOT. CHANG CH'UN-CHIAO WROTE AN ARTICLE IN THE 1930'S DURING HIS STUDENT DAYS IN CHINAN, IN WHICH HE ADVOCATED THE CONCEPT OF A JAPANESE CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE. YAO WEH-YUAN'S FATHER HAD INCORRECTLY ATTACKED LU HSUN AND HAD SPIED FOR THE KMT.

5. AS WAS THE CASE DURING BRIEFINGS IN SHANGHAI AND NANKING, THERE WAS ONLY VERY BRIEF POLITICAL COMMENT. THERE WAS NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF TENG HSIAO-P'ING OR, INCREDIBLY, OF CLASS STRUGGLE. BRIEFERS WERE NO MORE FORTHCOMING WITH PRODUCTION INFORMATION THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST, BUT WERE EMPHATIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS TO MANAGEMENT AND THUS TO FUTURE PRODUCTION.
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